## REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA AND RECORD OF ACTION

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March 4, 2003

FROM: MICHAEL E. HAYS, DIRECTOR

LAND USE SERVICES DEPARTMENT/CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

SUBJECT: DEMOLITION OF SUBSTANDARD BUILDINGS IN THE FIFTH

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **AUTHORIZE** the Director of Land Use Services and the County Purchasing Agent to award the necessary purchase orders to demolish five (5) uninhabited buildings in the following areas, as more specifically detailed per the listing on file with the Clerk of the Board:

<u>Area</u>	Supv. Dist.	Contractor	No. of Properties	<u>Amount</u>
San Bernardino	5	George Bryant	1	\$16,300
San Bernardino	5	Woody's Demos	3	\$18,000
San Bernardino	5	Eugene Shrosbree	1	\$ 3,200
TOTAL:				\$37,500

- 2. **DECLARE** that the subject buildings are substandard, a menace to public health and safety, and that each property constitutes a blighted condition.
- ORDER the cost of demolitions plus administrative fees for this case to be levied as a special
  assessment against the properties should the owners fail to pay all costs upon completion of
  the work, and direct all money received to the Department of Economic and Community
  Development.
- AUTHORIZE The Director of Land Use Services to terminate all proceedings in the event the owner complies by rehabilitating or demolishing the structures(s) prior to demolition by the contractor.
- APPROVE an increase of \$37,500 in appropriations (AAA-CEN-ENF-2445) and a \$37,500 increase in reimbursement (AAA-CEN-ENF-5013) to the Land Use Services Department, Code Enforcement Division budget for the demolition of substandard structures. (4 votes required)

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION** The Director of Land Use Services has determined by inspection that the privately-owned structures listed on the attachment are substandard buildings, as defined by Sections 63.063, 63.064, and 63.066 of the San Bernardino County Code, and has ordered them rehabilitated or demolished. The Director has further determined that fire hazards exist as defined by Section 23.035, and has ordered that all fire hazards be removed per Section 23.031. Approval of Recommendation No. 5 will increase expenditure authority in Professional Services (2445) to allow for a contract vendor to perform the demolition and increase reimbursements from Economic and Community Development Department as a distribution of 5<sup>th</sup> District CDBG funds to offset the increased costs. This increase in appropriation and reimbursements will not increase the anticipated local cost in this budget unit.

The owners and all interested parties have been notified of the order, as per County Code, but have failed to rehabilitate or demolish the non-compliant structures. It is now necessary that demolition be accomplished by the County through private contractors. A request for bids was sent out to contractors for the fire hazards abatement and demolition work. Eight bids were received, the lowest complying bids were accepted. If this action is approved, the County will contract with the lowest bidding contractors to perform the required work. The structures are currently uninhabited.

Pursuant to County Policy 11-05 effective July 1, 2002, departments are required to seek Board of Supervisors approval when contracting for services with any one vendor in excess of \$25,000 per scope of services per fiscal year.

The work is necessary to protect the public safety and welfare, to remove a menace to public health and safety, and to eliminate blight from the County. Authority for demolition and removal is contained in Sections 63.014, 63.066 and 23.037, San Bernardino County Code.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** This agenda item has been reviewed by Deputy County Counsel, Matthew Marnell on January 23, 2003; Purchasing Department, Leo Gomez, Supervising Buyer, on January 27, 2003; Economic and Community Development Department, Adolphus Okeke, Supervising ECD Analyst, on January 23, 2003; LUSD Contract Compliance Coordinator, Ruth Rice, on February 19, 2003; and by the County Administrative Office, Patricia M. Cole, Administrative Analyst III, on February 20, 2003.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Total cost for this work will be paid with funds appropriated through a revolving fund (Fund-SBC-ECD-ECD-350-23510/1715) of the Department of Economic and Community Development for blight and nuisance abatement throughout the County. Cost of the completed work shall be billed to the property owner(s). Any amount unpaid by the property owner(s) would then become a special assessment against the property. There is no local cost impact related to this item.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT:** 5th

PRESENTER: Paul B. Tavares, Division Chief - Code Enforcement Division, 387-9050

## PROPERTY TO BE AWARDED IN THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT

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1.	ITEM NO:	97-2060
	APN:	0267-121-11-0000
	ADDRESS:	3352 OTONO COURT,
		SAN BERNARDINO, ĆA
	USE OF STRUCTURE:	RESIDENCE
	SUPV. DIST.	5
	APPROX. COST:	\$5,500
	NOTES:	SUBSTANDARD
2.	ITEM NO:	C200103097
	APN:	0268-291-09-0000
	ADDRESS:	1959 PORTER STREET
		SAN BERNARDINO, CA
	USE OF STRUCTURE:	RESIDENCE
	SUPV. DIST.	5
	APPROX. COST:	\$16,300
	NOTES:	OPEN & ABANDONED
3.	ITEM NO:	C200202197
	APN:	0279-121-14-0000
	ADDRESS:	8199 WHITLOCK AVENUE
		SAN BERNARDINO, CA
	USE OF STRUCTURE:	RESIDENCE
	SUPV. DIST.	5
	APPROX. COST:	\$3,200
	NOTES:	OPEN & ABANDONED
4.	ITEM NO:	98-2026
	APN:	0268-181-14-0000
	ADDRESS:	2180 MALLORY
		SAN BERNARARDINO, CA
	USE OF STRUCTURE:	RESIDENCE
	SUPV. DIST.	1
	APPROX. COST:	\$6,500
	NOTES:	OPEN & ABANDONED
5.	ITEM NO:	85-2074
	APN:	0267-013-08-0000
	ADDRESS:	3966 APAPULCO AVE
		SAN BERNARDINO, CA
	USE OF STRUCTURE:	RESIDENCE
	SUPV. DIST.	5
	APPROX. COST:	\$6,000
	NOTES:	SUBSTANDARD